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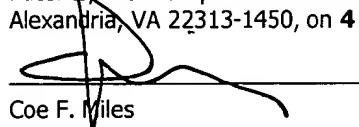
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REMARKS

This paper is intended to be a complete response to the above-identified Office Action. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions for a three (3) month extension of time to reply to the above-identified Office Action. A fee transmittal form authorizing the Commissioner to deduct the necessary fee for this petition from deposit account 501922 (149-0041US) is filed contemporaneously with this Reply.

No claims have been amended, cancelled or added. Accordingly, claims 1-39 are currently pending in the instant patent application.

Section 102 Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 through 39 as allegedly being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) by US Patent 6,282,570 to Leung et al. (hereinafter "Leung") and by US Patent 6,370,522 to Agarwal et al. (hereinafter, "Agarwal"). Specifically, the Examiner asserts that: